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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Opinion Request - Chemical Catalysis (S&T Bilateral)  
(list of US project coordinators; Soviet proposal for sub-topic 3 "Study of Selected Catalytic Systems" ; Soviet proposal sub topic 4 "Life Support Systems"  
Attached is self-explanatory material from the Department of State.  
May we have your opinion by ??.

Please state degree of interest and whether we will receive requirements.

(IMAGE)

COMMENTS: This is forwarded for your information unless you wish to comment.  
If so, please inform me by phone, that I may expect written comments.  
Thanks. Nomie

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*AF has no obj to US proposal as presented but would ask for the opportunity to review the Soviet policy + then comment on both.*

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Attached are:

- a) listing of US project coordinators in Chemical Catalysis under S & T
- b) Soviet proposal for sub topic 3 "Study of Selected Catalytic Systems"
- c) Soviet proposal sub topic 4 "Life Support Systems" Prof. Weis the project chairman for that sub topic is currently in Soviet Un.

I am giving them to you for info of your analysts and any comments. But since The Advisory Group commented in

depth on 'Chemical Catalysis  
last November no opinion  
from them ~~appears~~ required  
on the sub topics.

  
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Dr. V. K. Hall  
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May 15, 1973

Dear Dr. Hall:

I apologize for the delay in answering your letter of January 30, 1973, but I decided to wait for the final decision of the Joint Commission USSR-USA. Now, finally, this decision has been made and, upon consultation with Prof. Boreskov, I have set up a plan for possible work on Subject III. This plan is enclosed. It should be regarded as optimal. Essentially, it follows the lines of the exchange of views that we had between us. It lists the possible investigation subjects for 1973, and names the possible Soviet participants. Please let me know what you think about this plan. Which are the subjects you feel should take priority in 1973?

I feel it would be expedient if you and another American scientist could come to the U.S.S.R. to reach final agreement on the shape of the joint work on Subject III. After this, somewhat later, a group of Soviet scientists at the managerial level could visit the U.S. to acquaint themselves with the work of American scientists, after which

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we could proceed to send younger scientists for training. Please let me know what you think about this. We will be glad to see you in the U.S.S.R. at any previously agreed time, except the summer holidays (July and August).

Best regards, yours

[s] O. V. Krylov

### SECTION III

#### Detailed study of selected catalytic systems

(plan for 1973)

#### 1. Total and partial oxydation of propylene on molybdates of transition metals.

Preparation of stoichiometric molybdates and enriched by one of the components and investigation of their catalytic properties and of the mechanism of catalytic action by the use of radiospectroscopic, optical, kinetic and calorimetric methods.

Institute of Catalysis Siberian Division of the USSR Academy of Sciences - G.K. Borekov.

Investigation of the zonal structure of transition and nontransition metal molybdates by optical and ESR methods.

Institute of Chemical Physics, USSR Academy of Sciences.

O.V. Krylov, L.Ya. Margolis, K.N. Spiridonov. Azerbaijan Petroleum Institute.

Investigation of the kinetics of propylene oxydation on molybdates. Physico-chemical Karpov Institute - A.I. Gelbstein.

Investigation of acrolein oxydation on transition metal molybdates.

Institute of Physical Chemistry Academy of Sciences of the Ukrainian SSR - Ya. B. Gorokhovatski.



2. Dehydrogenation of butane into butadiene and  
of ethylbenzene into styrol on ferritic spinels.

Investigation of the role of individual components in  
systems based on iron and chromium and of the influence of  
the reaction environment on their catalytic activity.

Institute of Catalysis, Siberian Division of the USSR  
Academy of Sciences - R.A. Bujanov.

3. Total and partial oxydation of hydrocarbons on  
supported oxides of transition metals and on  
solid solutions of oxides.

Investigation of the formation and properties of radi-  
cals  $O_2^-$  and  $O^-$  on systems  $Co/MgO$ ,  $Co/Al_2O_3$ ,  
 $V/MgO$ ,  $V/Al_2O_3$ ,  $Mo/MgO$ ,  $Mo/Al_2O_3$ .

Institute of Organic Chemistry, USSR Academy of Sciences  
- V.B. Kazanski, V.A. Shvets. Institute of Chemical Physics,  
USSR Academy of Sciences - O.V. Krylov, K.N. Spiridonov.

Investigation of shortlived surface complexes with  
olefins and paraffins by high resolution NMR spectrometry.  
Institute of Organic Chemistry, USSR Academy of Sciences -  
V.B. Kazanski.

Investigation of the mechanism of butene oxydation on  
 $V/Al_2O_3$  and  $VPO_4$  catalysts by IR spectroscop-  
ical methods. Institute of Chemical Physics, USSR Academy of  
Sciences - O.V. Krylov, A.A. Kadushin. Institute of Physical  
Chemistry, Academy of Sciences of the Ukrainian SSR - Ya.B.  
Gorokhovskiy, B.V. Gerol.

4. Total and partial oxydation of ethylene on silver.

A study of oxygen diffusion through a silver membrane catalyst and of the influence of ethylene and ethylene oxide adsorption on the diffusion of oxygen. Institute of Petrochemical Synthesis, USSR Academy of Sciences - V.S. Smirnov. University of Peoples Friendship - V.M. Gruzinov.

5. Hydrogenation on pure metals and alloys

A study of hydrogen and oxygen adsorption and of their interaction on nickel single crystals by the LEIS and Auger-spectroscopy methods. Institute of Catalysis, Siberian Division of the USSR Academy of Sciences - G.K. Borenkov, V.I. Savchenko.

A study of hydrogenation on VIII-th group metals and on their alloys with IB group metals, including metals prepared in ultrahigh vacuum. Physico-chemical Karpov Institute - A.I. Gelbstein.

Investigation of the adsorption of hydrogen and of its interaction with NO and CO<sub>2</sub> on platinum group metals, purified in ultrahigh vacuum. A study of hydrogen atom recombination on IB group metals. Institute of Chemical Physics, USSR Academy of Sciences - I.I. Tretiakov.

Investigation of the hydrogenation of dienes and of dehydrogenation of olefins on membrane palladium and palladium - nickel catalysts. Institute of Petrochemical Synthesis, USSR Academy of Sciences - V.S. Smirnov. University of Peoples

6. Investigation of the isomerization of butene<sup>e</sup>s on selected oxide catalysts with various acid-base properties.

A study of the acidic properties of oxide surfaces by adsorption and IR spectroscopy. A study of the catalytic activity of selected oxides in isomerization of butenes. Moscow University - K.V. Topchieva. Institute of Catalysis, Siberian Division of the USSR Academy of Sciences.

Investigation of the interaction of butene-1 with acid and base centres by high resolution NMR. Institute of Organic Chemistry, USSR Academy of Sciences - V.B. Kazanski.

Quantum-chemical calculations of olefin complexes with acidic and base centres.

Institute of Organic Chemistry, USSR Academy of Sciences - G.M. Zhidomirov.

7. Investigation of the reactions of hydrocarbons on zeolites.

A complex study of the acidic properties of zeolites, decationated and containing VIII group metals, by IR spectroscopy, NMR, by titration with acid indicators and by hydrogen - deuterium exchange with hydrocarbons with the purpose of establishing a relation between thermodynamic properties, kinetic constants, acidity and catalytic action of zeolites in the reactions of isomerization and cracking of hydrocarbons.

Institute of Catalysis, Siberian Division of the USSR  
Academy of Sciences - K.G. Ione.

A study of isomerization, disproportionation, hydro-  
genation of hydrocarbons on zeolites of different types  
and of the relation between catalytic activity and proper-  
ties of zeolites by means of kinetic, isotopic, chromatog-  
raphic, microcalorimetric and thermodesorption methods.

Institute of Organic Chemistry, USSR Academy of Sciences  
- X.M. Minachev, G.V. Antoshin.

A study of the acidity of decationated zeolites of the  
faujasite type prepared by direct synthesis, as well as by  
dealumination, by high temperature desorption of ammonia.  
Investigation of the relation between the energetic spect-  
rum of acidity and catalytic activity in model reactions.

Moscow University - K.V. Topchieva.

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Dear Professor Weis:

Thank you for the information concerning your plans for research on synthesis of formose and proposals for a program of joint Soviet-American research in the use of catalysis in spacecraft life-support systems. We would be happy to work with American scientists in this area of research. The research plans of which you speak in the letter are very interesting. Along the same lines, I can tell you that in our Institute, in the Laboratory of Prof. O.V. Kevlov, we are planning to conduct the following research by June of 1974:

1. Use of kinetic methods and ultra-violet and nuclear magnetic resonance spectroscopy to study the nature of formaldehyde and carbohydrate complexes with  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$  ions, which are active in reactions of aldol condensation in basic solution.
2. Use of radioactive tracers to study the role of reactions of retroaldol fission in the process of condensation of formaldehyde into carbohydrates.

During your stay in Moscow we will work out your program more precisely, and will discuss the administrative side of our programs and related matters

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of mutual visits. If you have the time, in addition to the laboratory of Prof. O.V. Krylov, you can see research on the synthesis of formose, conducted in the Institute of Physical Chemistry of the Academy of Sciences of the USSR in Kiev.

Your proposed time of arrival (June of this year) is satisfactory, but it would be well if you could arrive before June 20, since after this date our summer vacations begin, and Prof. O.V. Krylov and I may not be in Moscow. If you cannot arrive before June 20, it would be better to carry over your visit into the Fall.

With my best regards, I am,

Sincerely yours,

[s] D.M. Sakharov

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8. USAF also provides the following: The AF has no objection to the proposal as presented, but would ask for the opportunity to review the Soviet proposal, and then comment on both.

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